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Election buzz in MCC as it prepares for new Council

Five-year term from 2018 to 2023 marked by coalitions of political compulsions and disqualifications

Term of current Council ends on Nov. 16

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (SBD&DM)- With the conclusion of the current five-year term of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Council on Nov. 16, preparations are underway for a fresh election to choose new Corporators.

The initial election for the 65-member MCC took place on Aug. 31, 2018, resulting in no single party securing an absolute majority. Subsequently, the Congress and JD(S), partners in the then State coalition Government, formed an alliance to govern the MCC.

The first Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the current term were elected on Nov. 17, 2018, with Pushpalatha Jagannath of the Congress becoming the Mayor and Shafi Ahmed of the JD(S) serving as Deputy Mayor.

In the second term, Tasneem Bano of the JD(S) was elected Mayor, with C. Sridhar of the Congress serving as her deputy. The political landscape within the MCC changed following the collapse of the coalition Government. Subsequently, Rukmini Madegowda of the JD(S) was elected Mayor and Anwar of the

Congress served as her deputy in the third tenure.

However, Rukmini lost her position as the Court set aside her election as a Corporator. In the subsequent Mayoral polls, Sunanda Palanetra of the BJP was elected Mayor, marking the BJP's first taste of power in the MCC's history.

In the last term of the MCC, Shivakumar of the BJP was elected Mayor, with Dr. G. Roopa as his deputy, supported by the JD(S). They continue to hold their positions until the current term concludes on Nov. 16.

This term is noteworthy for all three major parties — Congress, BJP, and JD(S) — holding power over the five years, a first in the MCC's history. Additionally, it saw the historic appointment of a Muslim woman, Tasneem Bano of the JD(S), as the first citizen of the city.

The term also witnessed the disqualification of sitting Mayor Rukmini Madegowda and BJP Corporator Guruvinayak (Ward 18-Yadavagiri) on charges of submitting a fake caste certificate.

As the current MCC term approaches its end on Nov. 16, Urban Development Minister B.S. Suresh (Byrathi Suresh) has assured that election preparations are in full swing, emphasising that there will be no delay in conducting the polls.

1 killed, 10 injured as vehicle falls off bridge

11 friends were on their way to M.M. Hills

Darshan

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (MTY&KS)- One person lost his life and 10 others sustained severe injuries when the goods vehicle they were travelling in, en route to Male Mahadeshwara Hills (M.M. Hills), veered off the road, collided with the retaining wall of a bridge and plunged. The tragic incident occurred near Meghalapura on the Mysuru-T. Narasipur Main Road (NH-766) between 4.15 pm and 4.30 pm yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as 18-year-old Darshan, son of Huchaiah, Bandipalya. Among the injured are 23-year-old Sunil, 20-year-old Sudeep, 17-year-old Nithin, 19-year-old Darshan, brothers 17-year-old Vijay and 19-year-old Vikas, 23-year-old Ravichandran, 25-year-old Pavan and 19-year-old Shashank, all from Bandipalya in city and 19-year-old Nithin of Hosahundi.

A group of 11 friends departed from Bandipalya to M.M. Hills at around 3.15 pm yesterday in the goods vehicle (KA-55-A-2792), purchased by Pavan. The group, united by friendship, intended to take the vehicle for

a puja at M.M. Hills.

Upon entering a bridge near Meghalapura, the driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to swerve to the left, collide with the retaining wall and plunge from the bridge. Passersby witnessing the accident rushed to the scene, rescuing those trapped inside the vehicle.

Meghalapura Police, upon arrival, called for an ambulance and transported the injured to private hospitals in Mysuru. Unfortunately, Darshan succumbed to his injuries. Four out of the remaining 10 injured are reported to be in critical condition.

Darshan's post-mortem was conducted at the MMC&RI mortuary this morning and his body was subsequently handed over to family members. Meghalapura Police, having registered a case, are investigating the incident.

Digital ticketing system hinders access to historical treasures

Senior citizens unfamiliar with technology and those without smartphones leave without seeing monuments

A group of tourists trying to scan the QR code displayed on the standee board at Dariya Daulat Bagh in Srirangapatna.

By A. Ganesh

Mysuru, Nov. 12 - The recently introduced digital ticketing system at various monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has become a source of inconvenience for visitors who may not own smartphones or lack familiarity with technology. Originally implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic for contactless ticketing systems and to promote physical distancing, digital ticketing has persisted even as the situation has eased.

Presently, two monuments in the Mysuru region have adopted this facility — Dariya Daulat Bagh (Tipu Sultan Summer Palace) at Srirangapatna and the Channakeshava Temple in Somnathpur (in T. Narasipur taluk of Mysuru), a remarkable piece of 12th-century Hoysala architecture that has been granted the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage Site tag.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 12th November 2023

City doctor to deliver lectures at Argentine Surgical Conference

Mysuru, Nov. 12- Dr. Nairuthya Shivathirthan, Chief Consultant - Surgical Gastro-enterology and Minimal Access HPB Surgery, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, has been invited by the Argentine Association of Surgeons as an International Faculty to participate and teach at the 93rd Argentine Congress of Surgery, which will be held at the Buenos Aires Sheraton Hotel and Convention Centre from Nov. 13 to 16.

Dr. Nairuthya

He will deliver three lectures titled: Surgical Management of Pancreatic Necrosis; Lapa-roscopic Management of Pheo-chromocytoma; Bile Duct Injuries — An Insight into an Enigma.

The 93rd Argentine Congress of Surgery is the flagship conference of the Argentine Association of Surgeons. They share this edition with the 66th Argentine Congress of Thoracic Surgery, the 47th Argentine Congress of Coloproctology, the 31st National Conference of Surgical Instruments, the 23rd National Conference of Resident Surgery Doctors, the 10th National Conference of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the 8th Meeting of the Argentine Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Around 4,000 Surgeons from across Argentina and South America are expected to participate. The Conference, with the theme "LESS IS MORE," will cover various specialities, techniques and pathologies, emphasising Laparoscopic, Robotic, Endoscopic and Endovascular interventions.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

To enjoy prosperity, peace and joy, the nation's population must grow in their economic expansion, they must be trained and educated to live harmoniously, striving enthusiastically in all the fields of productivity. Spiritual unfoldment must be subjectively gained by each one in his own inner personality. The mighty, divine individual in each one of us must, by constant effort and watchfulness, endeavour to destroy all the negative tendencies of lust, greed, selfishness, egoism and vanity — by the cultivation of the positive qualities of love, kindness, cheerfulness, understanding, mercy and compassion.

When the individual destroys in himself all his subjective enemies and cultivates inner riches, then that personality becomes enriched in the Light of Life and becomes really a noble example that lights up the path for others to break through this world of Existence.

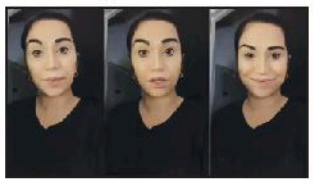
The tiny mud pots that are lit up on Deepavali indicate a society wherein each member is a little lamp of piety, goodness, love and mutual understanding; in such a society alone, real goodwill and enduring prosperity can be victorious.

Deepavali is a day dedicated to inner purity and noble character, dedicated to the opening of our individual hearts. Get out of your homes in the evening and embrace every other individual in society, not because they are Hindus, but because they too are small flames of the same Light Divine. Let all misgivings be forgotten, all grievances be forgiven. Let us remind ourselves, at least on this joyous day, that we can be victorious over our impulses and come to illumine — for the world around — the Lamp of Wisdom from the Land of Spiritual Light.

—Swami Chinmayananda in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Uncanny Valley Makeup - The creepiest trend



New York: Makeup artists on a social media platform are busy freaking out their followers with a new style of makeup called "uncanny valley" inspired by the human-like yet unnatural appearance of androids.

The term uncanny valley is used to describe hypothesized uncomfortable feeling triggered by seeing an entity appearing almost human but not quite so.

These days, the phrase is going viral on TikTok. The trend is believed to have been sparked by Zara (@alkiiwii), a TikTok user who transformed herself with layers of foundation, concealer, eyeliner, and mascara. Her viral video tagged with #uncannyvalleymakeup has been viewed and shared tens of millions of times, inspiring other makeup enthusiasts to post their own takes on the trend.

Street cleaner becomes ballet dancer at 53

Beijing: A 53-year-old Chinese man who only started learning ballet a decade ago has gone viral on social media as a living example that you are never too old to follow your dreams.

Liu Ziqing has been a fan of ballet for as long as he can remember. He fell in love with it as a little boy, after watching The Red Detachment of Women ballet show in the early 1960s, more than 10 times, but he never really got the chance to practice it himself. Growing up in a poor family in a village near Baotou, the largest city in Northern China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region, his main focus was always on helping his family and putting food on the table. Dancing was a luxury he could not afford. He ended up becoming a farmer but also worked as a street cleaner in order to make ends meet. But he never got over his love for ballet, and at age 53, he decided to become a ballet dancer.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Keep adequate water intake in early marriage to prevent urinary infections. Early pregnancy is an important time to keep nutrition at its best. But vitamin supplements are needed to correct the small requirements of your body during high-demand times.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant- Obstetrics And Gynecology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Khader Pasha relieved as KSOU Finance Officer

Mysuru, Nov. 12- After over seven years of service in the city-based Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Khader Pasha, the Finance Officer at KSOU, has been relieved of his post on Friday, on charges of financial irregularities and functional lapses.

Khader Pasha

He has been relieved following a letter written by Sheetal M. Hiremath, Under-Secretary of Higher Education Department, to KSOU Vice-Chancellor and Registrar on Nov.7.

Pasha's sudden relieving also comes after the Letters Committee of the State Legislature, which met on Oct.27, recommended his immediate relieving and holding a detailed departmental enquiry against.

Khader Pasha had been serving as KSOU Finance Officer for over 7 years on deputation from the Finance Department of the State Government. He has been accused of financial irregularities in respect of University building works, tender process, admission fees, exam fees etc., and also his failure to get auditing done.

KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halase said that Pasha has been relieved as the University Finance Officer following his transfer by the Government. The University will submit records and with it the report that is asked by the State Finance Department, he added.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **101.38 feet**	Today's level **2,275.79 feet**	Today's level **2,848.76 feet**
Last year's level **123.76 feet**	Last year's level **2,279.11 feet**	Last year's level **2,847.43 feet**
Yesterday's level **101.00 feet**	Friday's level **2,275.33 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,848.64 feet**
Today's Inflow **4,679 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **810 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **443 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **975 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *An asino is the Italian word for "donkey".*
- *There are more than 50 million donkeys in the world.*
- *KneeHi is the world's shortest donkey.*
- *Poitou donkey is the world's most hairy donkey.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Q: Why was the fraction nervous about marrying the decimal?

A: Because he would have to convert !

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.30**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 101.82**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.68**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 89.26**

VOICE OF THE READER

Pig menace in Brindavan Extension

Sir,

This is to draw the attention of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) towards the pig menace in Brindavan Extension.

I request the authorities concerned to relocate the pigs and their piglets, which seem to have 'permanently' settled in Brindavan Extension, destroying gardens and attacking children when playing. Hope the concerned will take immediate action and relocate the straying pigs as soon as possible.

—**Premkumar**
Brindavan Extension
2.11.2023

Jal Diwali: MCC hosts workshop on water awareness

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (MTY&BS)- Several women representatives of various Women's Self-help Groups (SHGs) took part in a workshop organised by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) on the second day of Jal Diwali campaign at its Old Council Hall on Wednesday (Nov. 8).

The programme was organised as part of the three-day 'Jal Diwali' campaign organised by Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under the initiative "Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign" under its flagship scheme - Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), in partnership with National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), that began with a visit to Hongalli Water Treatment plant near KRS dam on Tuesday.

Inaugurating the workshop, Mayor Shivakumar said "With a vast concern towards conservation of water, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Jal Diwali campaign. The women should use water in a judicious manner as it is a cause for worry that some of the womenfolk waste water. Our survival depends on conservation of water and the women hold a key to this. Hence, the workshop is being conducted for 90 women representing various SHGs. Later, these women should educate their neighbours on significance of water."

Dr. Hemachandra, Professor, Department of Physics, Maharani's College said "The role of men is zero in conservation of water. We call water as elixir, but the situation nowadays is not like earlier days, with scarcity of water witnessed in several parts of the country. Women tend to waste water by cleaning the pavement of their house for drawing rangoli. An estimated 13.5 litres of tap water goes waste daily and the situation at Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) dam is alarming. But still we are not aware of significance of water."

MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff said "Everybody should be aware of the campaign's purpose and should not waste tap water. Water is valuable, hence we should conserve water for posterity. MCC is every ready to conserve water and has been chalking out many programmes to create awareness among people."

A short-test and essay writing contest was conducted on the occasion. A sapling was also planted to mark the campaign.

Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, Additional Commissioner M.J. Roopa and others were present on the occasion.

City's JSS Medical College receives ICMR recognition

Recognised by Indian Council of Medical Research as ICMR-Collaborating Centre of Excellence

Dr. Akila Prashant, Professor and Head, Department of Biochemistry, JSS Medical College and Dr. Prashant Vishwanath, Dean (Research), receiving the award from Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi.

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (BCT)- JSS Medical College's Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology and Regenerative Medicine (CEMR) at the Department of Biochemistry has been recognised by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) as the ICMR-Collaborating Centre of Excellence (CCoE).

The ICMR recently invited institutes across the nation to submit expressions of interest for the establishment of an ICMR Collaborating Centre of Excellence (ICMR-CCoE).

The Centre for Excellence in Molecular Biology and Regenerative Medicine (CEMR) at the Department of Biochemistry, JSS Medical College, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), led by Dr. Akila Prashant, Professor and Department Head, applied for this opportunity in July 2023.

Following a rigorous selection process, the ICMR has designated 25 centres for a five-year term, recognising their outstanding scientific achievements in previous endeavours. Dr. Prashant Vishwanath, the Dean of Research at JSS AHER and Dr. Akila Prashant received the prestigious award from Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Director-General of the ICMR, on Nov. 4, at the ICMR headquarters in New Delhi.

These Collaborating Centres of Excellence (CCoEs) will actively collaborate with the ICMR to develop guidelines, undertake multi-centric projects and bolster capacity-building initiatives across the country.

Additionally, the resources available at each CCoE will be shared among all the centres, facilitating student training, research and capacity development to enrich the national research talent pool and advance medical research in India.

Subudhendra Teertha Swamiji visits Sri Raghavendra Mutt in city

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (DM)- Mantralaya Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt head (Peetadhipati) Subhudhendra Theertha Swamiji visited Nanjangud Raghavendra Mutt located on N.S. Road in Subbarayanakere here recently.

Addressing devotees on the occasion, Subudhendra Teertha Swamiji said he has visited the Raghavendra Mutt here to discuss plans regarding conduct of Raghavendra Swamy Utsava, Religious, Cultural and Social programmes as part of the 75th anniversary of the Mutt.

Pointing out that he is on a tour of Mysuru and Nanjangud to discuss the programmes, he said that as a lot of devotees come to Subbarayanakere Mutt, measures will be taken for the development of the Mutt.

The Seer also released a *Rama Nama Japa* poster created jointly by Mysuru City and District Brahmin Association and Bengaluru's Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Brahmana Mahasabha State Vice-Presidents D.T. Prakash and N. Srikanta Kumar, Hoysala Karnataka Sangha President K.R. Satyanarayan, community leaders Pushpa Iyengar, G. Ravi, Vikram Iyengar, Ajay Shastri, Kadakola Jagadish, Nagendra Babu, Latha Balakrishna, Suchendra, Chakrapani, Kishore and others were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tailoring class

RUDSET Institute has invited applications from unemployed rural women for admission to a month long free tailoring class along with boarding and lodging. The classes will be held from Nov.16 to Dec. 14. The applicants must be women aged between 18 and 45 years and should know to read and write Kannada, according to a press release. For details, call Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 98440-13948.

Matrimonial Meet

Sri Basaveshwara Vadhu-Varara Vivaha Vedike will be hosting a Veerashaiva-Lingayat Matrimonial Meet at Sri Vidyabharathi Kalyana Mantapa, Uttaradi Mutt Road, near Gun House Circle, at 11 am on Nov. 18. Graduate Brides and Bridegrooms of the community from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts with a good job in hand, can register before Nov. 17. [Mob: 96862-05346]

Special pujas at Suttur Mutt

As part of Kartika Masa, month long special pujas will be performed in the cluster temples of Suttur Mutt at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk from Nov. 14 to Dec. 12. The rituals include Maharudrabhisheka, Sahasranama, Ashtothara Bilwarchane and Mahamangalaarathi everyday. Also, there will be Deepotsava on the evenings of every Monday in the Kartika Masa month. For details and for sponsorship, contact Ph: 08221-232223, 0821-2548212 or Mob: 88969-64242.

Obituary

N. Meenakshamma

Mysuru, Nov. 12- N. Meenakshamma (86), a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Saraswathi Bai

Saraswathi Bai (70), retired Head Mistress of CFTRI School and a resident of Gokulam, passed away following a heart attack yesterday in city. She leaves behind her husband and a host of students, relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

Onake Obavva was a great patriot: MLA Srivatsa

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (MTY&DM)- K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa said that great patriots like Onake Obavva of Chitradurga should not be confined to caste and instead be remembered by the entire society for their bravery,courage and sacrifice for the nation.

He was speaking at Veerarani Onake Obavva Jayanti celebrations organised by the district administration and Kannada and Culture Department at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises here yesterday.

Pointing out that the people remember Onake Obavva whenever they visit the famed Chitradurga Fort, Srivatsa said this is represents the respect that the people have for the great woman patriot who risked her life in defending the Fort of the then ruler of Chitradurga Madakari Nayaka.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda said that it is very important to celebrate Onake Obavva Jayanti as she was a brave Kannada woman who drove back Hyder Ali's army when it invaded the Chitradurga fort. Celebrating her Jayanti will send a right message to the society, he added.

Additional DC Loknath in his address, said that Onake Obavva is a model to modern day woman. Noting that Obavva was a brave and patriotic woman known for her valour and daredevilry in safeguarding the Chitradurga Fort , he said that she was a great inspiration for women.

Mayor Shivakumar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, MLC C.N. Manjegowda and others offering floral tributes to the portrait of Onake Obavva at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira in the city yesterday.

The city's Basudev Somani college faculty Dr. T. Ramesh too spoke.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Onake Obavva on the occasion.

Mayor Shivakumar, Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, MCC Deputy Commissioner (Administration) Somashekar, Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Assistant Director M.D. Sudarshan,DSS leader Somaiah Maleyur, Kannada Kavalu Pade President Mohankumar Gowda, Mysuru Kannada Vedike President Balakrishna and others were present.

Though the Jayanti was celebrated by the District administration, there were hardly few people who attended the event, with most of the chairs remaining empty.

Upset over the presence of only a handful of people, DSS leader Somaiah Maleyur entered into an argument with the district administration for neglecting the event and failure to give wide publicity.

Stating that the Jayantis of great personalities should be celebrated by the entire society and not on caste or creed considerations, he maintained that it was an insult to the brave woman as only a handful of people were present.

Observing that the authorities should have brought atleast students and hostel inmates for the event, he said that the empty chairs is an insult to Obavva.

Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Sudarshan, refuting the allegations, said that enough publicity was given for the event.

Pointing out that messages were sent across Whatsapp groups inviting them for the event, he said that the district administration had taken all measures to publicise the event. He further maintained that no one was neglected for the event and that there were no lapses on the part of the district administration in the organisation of the event.

Kanakadasa Jayanti in city on Nov. 30: DC chairs preliminary meeting

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (PM&BS)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra said "The thinkings of Saint Kanakadasa should be popularised further and hence Kanakadasa Jayanti will be meaningfully celebrated under the aegis of Kanakadasa Jayantotsava Committee on Nov. 30 in the city."

Presiding over the preliminary meeting organised at D. Devaraj Urs hall of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat on Wednesday, the DC said "A procession will be taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple premises to Kalamandira on Kanaka Jayanti day. State-level cultural troupes, district-level troupes and tableaux are expected to take part in the procession this time. Even Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is expected to be a part of the event. So, the programme will be organised on a grand scale."

Before flagging off the procession, puja will be performed to the portrait of Kanakadasa near Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple. Police band, keerthan and bhajan teams are also expected to take part in the procession, he said.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra presiding over a meeting on Kanakadasa Jayanti at Mysuru Zilla Panchayat Hall recently, as ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, former MLA M.K. Somashekar and others look on.

Barring the exterior of programme venue, permission will not be given to erect flex boards in any public places that would mar the beauty of the city, asserted DC Dr. Rajendra.

The office-bearers of Kanakadasa Jayantotsava Committee also shared their plans to hold several other programmes like staging of a drama on Kanakadasa, release of audio discs, felicitation to achievers, prathibha puraskar to students, honouring Rajyotsava awardees and recital of keerthans.

President of Kanakadasa Jayantotsava Committee and former MLA M.K. Somashekar, office-bearers K. Marigowda, M. Puttaswamy, M. Shivanna, B. Subramanya, J.J. Anand, T.B. Chikkanna, Papanna, Dollegowda, M. Mahadevegowda and others attended the meeting.

Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K.M. Gayathri, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department Dr. M.D. Sudarshan were present.

No light at the end of tunnel for potters of Doora village

Dimming prospects as clay lamps lose shine

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Nov. 12- Deepavali festival, which is synonymous with lamps, is incomplete without clay-made lamps crafted from the deft hands of potters at Doora village in Mysuru taluk.

However, like every other traditional occupation that is on the brink of uncertainty with the challenges posed by modern wares, pottery is also facing a threat with metal-made wares and other cheaper varieties in attractive designs being the pick of many in the market.

The potters community in Doora alone who were supplying not less than two lakh lamps during Deepavali to several parts of Mysuru and surrounding districts claim to have suffered a setback especially after the Central Government launched 'Make in India' scheme to encourage manufacturing of various products within the country.

Owing to the fall in demand, about 60,000 lamps are supplied to the market this time, with Deepavali festival starting with Naraka Chaturdashi today and culminating with Balipadyami on Nov. 14.

With the dwindling demand, traditional lamp makers also feel a deprived lot, but still prefer to turn the wheel positioning the clay, to keep the hearth burning, with no other option left to eke out a living. As the people in this modern age look for moulded lamps with exotic designs to add elements of elegance to the interior of their houses, spending several hundreds of rupees apiece, the clay-made wares though available at a measly price of Rs.1.50 to Rs. 2 have fallen out of demand.

About 50 potters from 14 families in Doora village have been involved in this traditional occupation from the last 17 years. As some of the potters started to scout for alternative occupation, with pottery not much financially rewarding, they came together to form Kumbara Kushala Kaigarika Sahakara Sangha (Potters Industrial Cooperative Society) and obtained a loan from Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

They all continue with their occupation by building sheds on the plot donated by the community heads. The wholesale prices of small size lamps are in the range of Rs. 1.50 to Rs. 2.50, big size lamps - Rs. 6 to Rs. 8 and Ayyappa Swamy lamps Rs. 10 to Rs. 15.

This year, about 50,000 to 60,000 lamps are supplied to the markets in various parts of Mysuru including the city and temple town Nanjangud, Gundlupet and Chamarajanagar district. When compared to the demand in previous years, it has come down to 1/4th of two to three lakh lamps they were supplying to the market in earlier years.

Govindaraju, a potter who is also a member of Kumbara Kushala Kaigarika Sahakara Sangha (Potters Industrial Cooperative Society), said: "Earlier there were about more than 50 families that were dependent on pottery which has come down to 14 now. Barring Deepavali festival season when the lamps are in demand, we make flower pots, tulsi katte, dhoopada arati, table vase and several other products in clay, during the remaining parts of the year. The Government should ban import and sale of moulded lamps, which has affected the traditional occupation. Unlike moulded lamps, the clay lamps are environmentally friendly without using any paint. They are hardened in the heat of the furnace using firewood."

Kannada Rajyotsava celebrated at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (SBD&DM)- Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated in a grand and purposeful manner at Ramakrishna Vidyashala in Yadavagiri here recently.

Tarini Chidananda Gowda, daughter of Poet Laureate Kuvempu and her husband Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda, former Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor, along with Swami Yuktheshanandaji, Correspondent of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, inaugurated the celebration by lighting a lamp at a specially decorated stage.

Speaking on the occasion, Tarini Chidananda Gowda explained about the birth of Kannada State, the richness of Kannada language, developing interest and the necessary for learning Kannada etc.

Poet Laureate Kuvempu's daughter Tarini Chidananda Gowda and her husband, former Kuvempu University VC Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda, lighting the lamp to inaugurate Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala in Yadavagiri, Mysuru, recently as Vidyashala Correspondent Swami Yukteshanandaji and others look on.

Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda underlined the birth, growth and richness of the language and the purpose of learning Kannada while giving examples.

Vidyashala Correspondent Swami Yukteshanandaji, in his presidential address, explained how the Vidyashala is serving and promoting Kannada, the opportunities for expanding the horizons of the language and the importance of learning other languages as well along with Kannada.

Vidyashala's Kannada teacher S. Chandrashekar gave a talk on the great Kannada writers who had visited the Vidyashala and the activities of the school teachers in promoting Kannada.

SSLC and PUC students of the Vidayashala who scored high marks in Kannada (2022-23) were felicitated on the occasion.

Two students of the school melodiously sang a poem of Adikavi Pampa, while the Vidyashala teachers sang the song written by the school teacher Chandrashekar, under the guidance of the school Principal S. Balaji, the school students presented a folk dance and a Kannada Musical Nite and enacted a short Kannada play 'Sriramakrishnara Bayalalli Kuvempu.'

Vidyashala's Kannada teacher S.S. Ramesh, who retired recently after 35 years of service, Vidyashala's teachers and others were present during the Rajyotsava celebrations.

With 16 gold medals in her kitty...

Thanisha Changappa wants to transform Urban Planning

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (BCT)- At the recent convocation of the University of Mysore, amidst the celebration of numerous gold medal winners for their outstanding achievements, **Chemira Thanisha Changappa** emerged as a stand-out success in the field of **M.Tech. Urban Regional Planning.** With an exceptional display of talent and determination, she secured an impressive 16 gold medals, setting an inspiring standard for achievement.

Thanisha Changappa receiving gold medals from Governor-Chancellor Thaawarchand Gehlot during the Convocation of the University of Mysore (UoM) at Crawford Hall on Oct. 18 as UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath looks on.

Thanisha started her studies at Amrita Vidyalayam in Mysuru and continued at Sharada Vidyanikethana Public School, Thalapady, Mangaluru, from class 8 and did her PU. She completed her Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University School of Design, University of Mysore (UoM).

On completing her Bachelor's degree, she bagged a merit seat at the School of Planning and Architecture, UoM, where she pursued her M.Tech. in Urban Regional Planning.

Daughter of former Indian Navy Officer Chemira B. Changappa and late Radha (Nayakanda), residents of Vijayanagar in city, Thanisha is the grand-daughter of Chemira late Belliappa and late Seethamma and Nayakanda late Changappa and late Parvathi.

Thanisha is at present working as an Assistant Professor at CVM (Charutar Vidya Mandal) University in Gujarat and has also served as an Assistant Professor at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bengaluru. Gujarat was a natural choice when it came to pursuing her network in research in Urban Planning.

Thanisha's expertise lies in the architecture and planning industry, with skills in AutoCAD, interior architecture, 3D modelling, photography and 3D rendering. She is particularly focused on urban, community, and regional planning, emphasising sustainability in her work, including sustainable buildings, landscaping and green building initiatives.

"Mysuru is a structured city built by the Wadiyars and the old and the new blend perfectly. Mysuru's areas and roads are interconnected without any scope for confusion even for a person who is visiting for the first time."

In her perspective, Urban Planning must be sustainable, coexistent and environmental- friendly, adapting to changes in settlement patterns and considering economic aspects and population density. Drawing inspiration from well-planned cities like Anand and Ahmedabad in Gujarat, she envisions smart and sustainable urban development.

In her view of Mysuru city as an Urban Planner, she noted that it is a structured city built by the Wadiyars and the old and the new blend perfectly. "Mysuru's areas and roads are interconnected without any scope for confusion even for a person who is visiting for the first time. It is easy to navigate and here, the city has grown beyond the structural development laid by the erstwhile rulers with laws and by-laws to strictly protect the heritage structures," she noted.

Despite her remarkable success, Thanisha remains humble about her achievements and expresses her love for teaching. She plans to continue in academia, considering future pursuits such as a doctorate and post-doctoral studies. **She attributes her success to a well-defined study pattern, dedication, systematic learning and a balanced approach to studies.**

On a personal note, Thanisha faced a challenging period during her studies in 2021, losing her mother. Despite this, she excelled academically, motivated by her mother's pride in her achievements. "When my mother was in ICU, she was glad that I scored 9.5 CGPA in the first semester. That motivated me and I knew there was some force driving me to excel. A mother's loss is continuous and grieving is a process which I have to go through," she sighed.

Thanisha with her father Chemira B. Changappa and mother late Radha. Picture right shows Thanisha Changappa with Prabhuswamy Malimath of Akashvani, Mysuru, who interviewed the gold medallist for the AIR's Yuvavani programme that was broadcast on Nov. 4, 2023.

Issuance of fake death certificate, family tree

Former T. Narasipur Revenue Inspector, two Village Administrative Officers suspended

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Nov. 12-Acting against irregularities, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has suspended a former Revenue Inspector of Kasaba Hobli in T. Narasipur taluk and two Village Administrative Officers on charges of creating fake death certificate and family tree (Vamsha Vriksha) for property Khata registration.

K. Devanna

K. Devanna, a former Kasaba Hobli Revenue Inspector and currently serving as Food Inspector in T. Narasipur taluk office, former Bhyrapura Circle Village Administrative Officer and current Jayapura Hobli Administrative Officer Pradeep Singh and Hamsalekha, Administrative Officer of Bhumi Kendra in T. Narasipur taluk office are the ones who have been suspended.

RTI activist B.N. Nagendra of Mysuru had lodged a complaint with the Deputy Commissioner on Aug. 22, 2022 accusing the three of illegally registering Khata in the name of non-existent persons by creating fake documents in respect of 22 Guntas of land coming under Survey No. 55/2 Tirumakudlu Village of Kasaba Hobli in T. Narasipur taluk and 8 Guntas of land coming under survey no. 55/6, in exchange for a huge sum of money as kickback.

Following a direction from the DC, Assistant Commissioner K.R. Rakshith carried out a probe and submitted a report on Aug. 4, 2023 stating that the charges against K. Devanna, Pradeep Singh and Hamsalekha were prima facie true. Subsequently, the DC Dr. K.V. Rajenda suspended the three officials, pending departmental enquiry in an order issued on Nov. 8.

The 22 Guntas of land in Tirumakudlu Survey No.55/2 and 8 Guntas of land in Survey No. 55/6 was in the Joint Khata in the name of original Khata holders

Dr. Rajendra

K.R. Rakshith

M.R. Raghunatharao, M.R. Gopalarao and M.R. Nagarajarao, until the year 2019-20.

Later the accused created fake death certificates of the three Joint Khata holders and created a fake family tree in the name of Bengaluru residents Lalitha Jayagopal, Sudhir Jayagopal and Sumana Jayagopal, who were in no way connected to the original Joint Khata holders. Thereafter, the three officials illegally issued Pauti Khata by creating fake Form 12 and 21, by receiving a huge sum of money as kickback.

The Assistant commissioner in his probe report, had recommended disciplinary action against the previous RRT Shirastedars of T. Narasipur taluk office H.P. Raviprasad (currently serving as MUDA special Tahsildar at Mysuru) and K. Prabhuraj (currently serving as election Shirastedar at Mysuru City Corporation), K. Devanna, Pradeep Singh and Hamsalekha, as the charges against them were prima facie true.

Following the report, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, using his powers, suspended K. Devanna, Pradeep Singh and Hamsalekha and recommended the Mysuru Regional Commissioner to initiate disciplinary action against the two other accused officials- H.P.Raviprasad and K.Prabhuraj.

It may be mentioned here that 'Star of Mysore's sister concern 'Mysuru Mithra' had earlier reported the scam.

B.Y. Vijayendra to take charge as State BJP Prez on Nov.15

Bengaluru, Nov.12- Shikaripura MLA B.Y. Vijayendra who has been appointed as new State BJP President will be assuming charge in a mega convention planned at Bengaluru Palace Grounds on Nov. 15 at 1 pm.

B.Y. Vijayendra

According to party sources, Vijayendra who is the son of former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will be receiving the charge of his new role from outgoing party President Nalin Kumar Kateel, in the presence of lakhs of party workers.

Apart from the State leaders, even the national leaders of the party are expected to descend on that day. Apart from taking the reins of the party, the convention will be more of Vijayendra's show of strength, it is said.

Deepavali shopping: People throng cracker stalls, markets

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (MTY&BS)- On account of Deepavali festival that began with Naraka Chaturdashi today, crowds have been gathering at firecracker stalls and markets across the city since early morning. The festive atmosphere will persist for three days, concluding with Deepavali (Balipadyami) on Nov. 14.

Make-shift cracker stalls, authorised by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and located at places such as Chamundipuram on Narayan Shastry road, J.K. Grounds, Lalitha Mahal Palace Grounds, and Kuvempunagar, have been bustling with customers eager to purchase crackers.

In adherence to the Supreme Court's mandate to sell only green crackers, customers are diligently checking for the green cracker logo on boxes to avoid potential issues with authorities.

Notably, chit fund operators are also seen buying cracker boxes in bulk for their investors, available in the range of Rs. 250, Rs. 500, Rs. 750, Rs. 1,500, and Rs. 3,000. Sky lanterns, adding to the festive ambiance, are

being sold at Shivarampet shops alongside clay lamps.

On a different note, the Devaraja Market and its surroundings, abundant with flower vendors, are witnessing brisk business. A roll of Chrysanthemum (Sevanthige) was sold at Rs. 60 in the morning, marking a considerable increase from Rs. 10- Rs. 20 a few days ago.

Despite the sudden price hike, people seem undeterred, given that it is also Amavasya day today. Many theists practise puja at home and visit the Mahadeshwara Temple on Amavasya.

Consequently, flowers and other puja items such as coconut, banana, turmeric, vermilion, camphor and incense sticks are in high demand, with vendors experiencing significant sales.

In some villages within the district, farmers continue the tradition of worshipping livestock, especially cattle, during Deepavali. Cattle are bathed and adorned with various colours, with the colours sold in packets also witnessing high demand in the markets.

Digital ticketing system hinders access to historical treasures

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There are plans to introduce a similar system for other monuments in Mysuru too. This shift to digital-only ticketing poses challenges for both local and outstation tourists, senior citizens unfamiliar with technology and others without smartphones, leaving them disappointed and unable to explore these historical sites.

QR code system with a lot of details

Visitors without prior knowledge are guided to standee boards placed in front of the monuments at entry points, encouraging them to use the 'scan and pay' option. This method entails scanning the QR code on the banner, which redirects them to the ASI payment gateway.

To acquire tickets, visitors must scan the QR code and provide details such as the date, preferred time slot, nationality, the number of visitors, and a contact number, along with identity documents like a passport, PAN card, driver's licence, or voter ID card, among other options.

Once the QR code is scanned with the smartphone, it directs users to the website ***https://asi.payumoney.com***. On the website, choose the preferred time and input the required details. The number of visitors and their names must be mentioned, along with the identity details and phone number of any one visitor. The user is then redirected to a payment gateway where they can choose the platform to make the payment.

Source of difficulty

Despite the intended benefits of streamlining the process, saving time, reducing paper usage and encouraging cashless transactions, the QR code system has proven to be a source of difficulty for many travellers. Standing in line to purchase tickets has become cumbersome and the system's complexity has led to frustration, particularly for those facing network issues or relying solely on smartphones for communication.

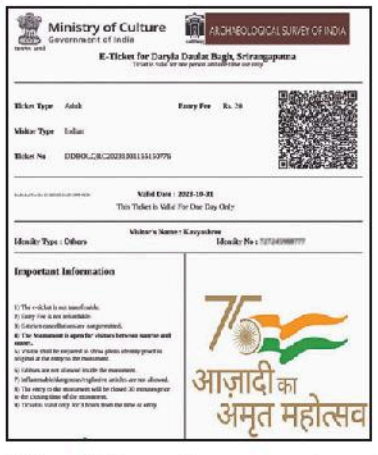
Travellers, especially from rural areas, find it challenging to navigate the process due to a lack of awareness. Instances of visitors returning without exploring sites due to the complexities of the system have become increasingly common.

Demand for both online, offline systems

Many tourists are demanding the reinstatement of previous ticket counters at these locations. Even several college students and young working professionals are struggling with the mechanism. Monument lovers and experts make a case for the provision of both online and offline ticketing systems.

"To book the ticket online, one has to give a lot of personal information, which is irritating. Moreover, the process is exclusionary and restricts access to those who may not have a smartphone or internet," said Sandeep Chouhan, a visitor from Bengaluru.

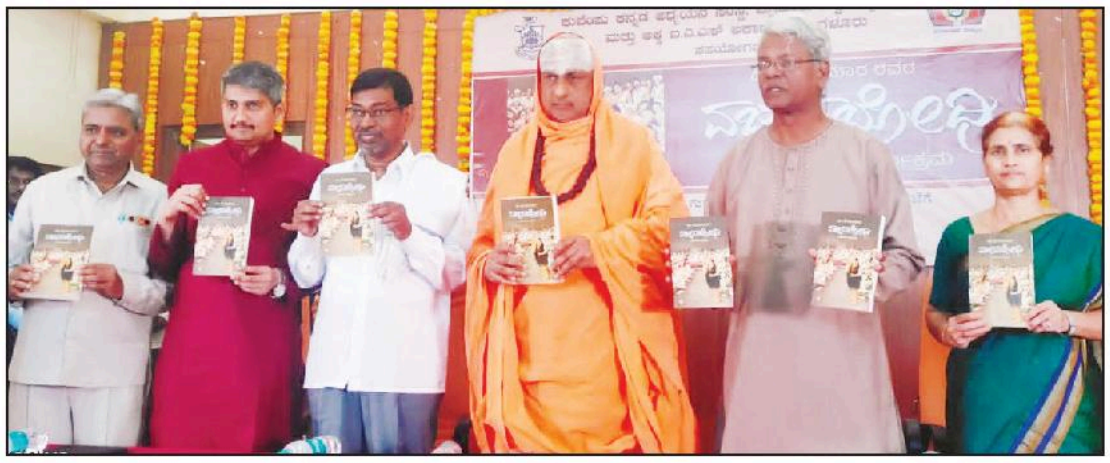
Historians said that restricting access through any means was uncalled for. Heritage places belong to the whole nation. Every citizen should have access to these places; it is a right and an essential part of education. For many people who have forgotten the history they studied at school, visits to heritage places become a way for them to gain education about history, they said.



The QR code scanning for ticket purchases has been implemented by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The response to this system will be observed in the coming days, as its application is planned to be extended to the tourist spot in Mysuru as well.

—A. Devaraju, Commissioner, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage

Set up Kannada Research Academy: Prof. Aravind Malagathi tells Govt.



Mysuru, Nov. 12- Writer Prof. Aravind Malagathi has suggested the State Government to establish a Kannada Research Academy for taking Kannada to much greater heights.

He was speaking after inaugurating Kannada Rajyotsava celebration and release of writer Dr. Shivakumar's work 'Vachana Bodhi' at a programme organised at Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) in Manasagangothri here on Thursday.

Pointing out that Kannada needs new interpretations and analysis, he said that the establishment of such an Academy will be a right step in this direction.

Noting that several novels of Kannada are not found easily, Prof. Malagathi said that necessary measures must be taken to ensure that Kannada novels and books on Vachanas are available everywhere. The easy availability of books will also help in improvement of readership, he opined.

Asserting that Basavanna's thoughts are like a flowing river and not stagnant water, he said that Vachanas are very much relevant even today and also for generations to come.

Observing that the nature of interpretation of Vachanas is changing with the times, he said that, however, the meaning and crux of the Vachanas remain the same forever.

Maintaining that the Vachana Sahitya is like a treasure trove hidden in a cave, he said though it is difficult to go deep inside the cave, a lot of things about life can be understood from Vachanas.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion. Prof. Neelagiri M. Talwar, KIKS Director Prof. Vijayakumari Karikal, Bengaluru AKKA IAS Academy Head Dr. Shivakumar and others were present on the occasion.

MLA, Mayor inspect flooded crematorium at Chamundi foothill

Officials instructed to solve the problem immediately

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (SPN&KS)- Krishnaraja (KR) MLA T.S. Srivatsa and Mayor Shivakumar, who inspected the crematorium at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Friday, have instructed the officials concerned to solve the problem of the crematorium getting flooded during rains.

The inspection comes in the wake of the crematorium getting flooded due to recent rains. The MLA and the Mayor were accompanied by Corporator B.V. Manjunath and officials of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). Out of the 26 cremation platforms, 18 platforms have been flooded causing a lot of inconvenience to those coming to the crematorium to perform last rites of their near and dear ones.

Speaking to media persons after inspecting the crematorium, MLA Srivatsa said that the crematorium is located in Survey No. 71, which is surrounded by private lands which have been developed. Pointing out that the crematorium is located in a slope, the MLA said that rain water flows into the crematorium flooding it besides stating that he has instructed the MCC staff to pump out the flooded water.

The MLA also said that he has instructed the officials to survey the crematorium to ascertain if the land has been encroached, reclaim it if encroached and take steps to construct storm water drain. On seeing garbage strewn all over the crematorium, the MLA instructed the person, who has taken contract of maintaining the crematorium to maintain cleanliness.

Stating that Rs. 1 crore from the MLA Area Development Fund will be released for the development of the place, Srivatsa said that priority will be given for the development of the crematorium besides stating that he would hold discussions with Chief Minister Siddharamaiah for release of more funds.

MCC Superintending Engineer Sindhu, Executive Engineer Nagaraju, MCC Zone-1 Development Officer Sushruth, Slum Clearance and Drainage Board Assistant Executive Engineer Dhanush, BJP District OBC leader Jogi Manju and others were present.

Prizes given to Dasara tableaux

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (BS)- Prizes were distributed to the Dasara tableaux that took part in *Jumboo Savari* procession of recently concluded Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara. The prizes were distributed and Nodal Officers of various Zilla Panchayats (ZPs) were felicitated during the valedictory ceremony organised by Dasara Tableaux Sub-Committee at Varthakara Bhavan, Bandipalya APMC Yard in the city on Wednesday (Nov. 8).

Of the total 49 tableaux that took part in *Jumboo Savari,* the tableaux of Dharwad, Chikkamagalur and Chamarajanagar won the first three prizes in Zilla Panchayat division, while those of Hassan, Shivamogga and Mandya won consolation prizes.

In the category of Boards and Corporations, Department of Information & Public Relations and Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) won top two prizes, while Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) Limited got consolation prize. The Nodal Officers of respective prize winning ZPs were handed over trophy and certificate.

President of Dasara Tableaux Sub-Committee Ahinda Javarappa said: "Apart from the tableaux that drew the attention of the people, the tableaux that portrayed the achievements of the Government were given prizes. Honorarium of Rs. 10,000 has been given to all 49 tableaux. ZPs are entrusted with the task of designing tableaux and the works will be awarded to the artistes through tender. Hence there is no question of ignoring the artistes who too would get their due in the coming days."

"We have succeeded in touching the people with a good message during *Jumboo Savari* by designing the tableaux in a short time. Every tableaux were artistic and were appreciated by many," said Javarappa.

Nodal Officer of Chamarajanagar ZP Rajendra Prasad said: "We participated in Dasara for the 12th year and had a special experience. The foreigners, who watched *Jumboo Savari* on Doordarshan, had a special word of appreciation for the tableaux."

Nodal Officer of Dharwad ZP Shivanand Kumar said: "Two years ago, it was difficult to get accommodation. However, this year we were able to design a tableau that was appealing, due to the cooperation of all."

Deputy Special Officer of Dasara Tableaux Sub-Committee Rajgopal, Working President Meghala, Secretary Raghavendra and Vice-Presidents N. Bhaskar, Chetan and others were present.

Job Mela in city on Nov. 19

Mysuru, Nov. 12 (GA&KS)- Vokkaliga Yuva Brigade and NRI Vokkaliga Brigade have organised a Job Mela in city on Nov. 19.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Brigade's Founder-President Nanjegowda Nanjunda said that the Job Mela will be held at the BGS Spiritual and Cultural Sabha Bhavan in Lakshmikantha Temple premises at Hebbal from 10 am to 5 pm. Those attending the Job Mela should bring their resume and relevant documents and produce them when asked.

Continuing, he said that over 60 companies will be recruiting candidates in the Job Mela and added that both boys and girls can take part, besides stating that the organisation has an aim of getting jobs to 2,000 people every year and providing education to more than 150 children.

Adichunchanagiri Seer Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji and Ramakrishna Ashram's Swami Mukthidanandaji will grace the occasion. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Chief Advisor Abhijit and others will be present.

Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) President H.C. Kishore Chandra will preside. Bengaluru's KIDWAI Memorial Institute of Oncology former Director Dr. C. Ramachandra will inaugurate the Job Mela. For details, call Mob: 96865-64192, 98869-43810 or 86605-69173.

Brigade Secretary Ramakrishnegowda, lecturer Dr. Pradeep Kumar and Ravichandra were present at the press meet.

31st Intl. Nirantara Kalemane Rajyotsava Festival held

Mysuru, Nov. 12- The 31st International Nirantara Kalemane Festival on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava was held on Nov. 5 at Kalemane Sabhaangana by Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru. The Dance Gurus inaugurated the programme.

It featured five mesmerising performances by extremely talented teams. All artistes performed around 25 variety compositions of Kannada Vageyakaras marking Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations.

The performers included disciples of Guru Natyakala Mayuri Uma Maheswari, Artistic Director of Aaradhya School of Fine Arts, Bengaluru; Disciples of Guru Gayathri Balaji & Guru Savithri Vijayakumar, Founder & Director of Abhinaya Group of Performing Arts, Bengaluru; Disciples of Guru Annapoorna Kateel, Bengaluru; Disciples of Guru Harish Raman, Director of Sri Raja Rajeshwari Nritya Kala Mandira, Tumakuru. Also, a Yakshagana performance by Guru Annapoorna Kateel, Bengaluru, featured in the Festival.

Raghu provided sound and lighting facility for the event. There were about 70 artistes.

Flute recital at Suttur Mutt

Vid. C.S. Keshava Chandra presenting a flute recital at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city on Oct. 28 as part of the Monthly Moonlight Music Programme-260. He is accompanied by Vid. Narendra Sharma on mridanga, Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata and Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin.

Khan Brothers perform at Nadabrahma Sabha

Khan Brothers — Pandit Sarfaraz Khan and Pandit Faraz Khan — presenting a Hindustani Vocal Duet Concert at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city on Oct. 28 as part of Smt. Bhagirathi and Kuskoor Krishnamurthy Memorial Concert. They are accompanied by Vid. Sumith Nayak on tabla, Bhargava Kulkarni on tamboora and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium.

Muthuswamy Dikshitar's Day in city tomorrow

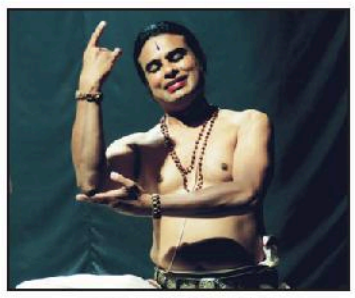
Mysuru, Nov. 12- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust will be observing Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitar's Day tomorrow (Nov. 13) at Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru.

Muthuswamy Dikshitar is revered as one of the music trinity. He was a great composer, singer and veena player. He had mastery over many languages, philosophy, Vedanta, Jyotishshastra etc. His compositions are widely sung in concerts which are scholarly creations with musical embellishments, immersed in the depth of soulfulness of bhava and melody.

The programme will commence at 9.30 am with senior musicians of the city and their disciples offering tributes to Dikshitar by rendering his compositions.

Later at 12 noon, a thematic presentation 'Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitara Panchalinga Krithiguccha - Ondu Pradakshine,' conceived and directed by Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, will be held.

Nartana Namana: Raasavrunda to present 'Nartanadalli Adhyatma'



Dr. Rohitha Eswer

Mysuru, Nov. 12- On the Occasion of Nartanan Namana, Ganabharathi, in association with Vidu. Nandini Eswer's Raasavrunda, in memory of the Gurus, Lalitha Dorai, Pt. Tirathram 'Azad' Sharma, Pt. Y.N. Simha and Guru Valmiki Banerjee, presents 'Nartanadalli Adhyatma' (Spirituality in Dance) at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, on Nov. 14 at 6.30 pm.

Indian Classical Dance Consists of Tala, Raga, Abhinaya, Kavyarasa and Natyarasa. These have a direct impact on the internal and external world of man.

Literature, music, mind, knowledge, inner emotions, all put together initiates the journey of the soul towards the almighty. This is Nartana Yoga.

The dance is Choreographed by Vid. Nandini Eswer, and Directed by Dr. Rohitha Eswer. Assistant Direction by Vid. Nityashree Shetty and Vid. Chinmayee Bharadwaj. The performing artists are: Rohitha Eswer, Nityashree Shetty, Chinmayee Bharadwaj, M.S. Sanjana, M.A. Anisha, L. Kundanika, Pranathi Bharadwaj, G.S. Pratiksha, N. Rohitha, M. Keerthana, N. Pramashree and N. Harini.

Hindustani Classical Music

Paulami Deshmukh

Mysuru, Nov. 12- Gayana Sabha, Mysuru, has organised a Hindustani Classical Music Concert at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, on Nov. 14 at 6 pm.

Vidu. Paulami Pethe Deshmukh from Pune will present vocal recital. She will be accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Ramesh Dhannur on tabla.

Paulami Deshmukh is a disciple of Padma Bhushan Dr Prabha Atre and presently is learning from Vidushi Shalmali Joshi, and Pt. Satyasheel Deshpande. She is trained in semi-classical and light music by ghazal singers Jasvinder Singh and Shri. Suhas Bawadekar (Disciple of Pt. Jitendra Abhisheki).Some of the solo performances of Paulami include: Nadabramha Sangeetha Sabha (2004); Rang Gandharva (Natya Sangeet) - 'Rang ShardaPratishthan', Mumbai (2004); Invited for an entertainment programme on Sahyadri TV for Navaratna Puraskar by Govt. of Maharashtra (2004), Sur Hindol, Dubai and many more.

Paulami has founded an Institute named 'Alhaiyya – Anandyatra Swaranch' in Pune to promote classical music and to encourage young and talented musicians. She has also won many scholarships and awards. She is also a playback singer for marathi and hindi films.

WORD OF THE DAY

Cockamamie

Pronunciation: kah-kuh-MAY-mee.
Meaning: Cockamamie is an adjective used to describe something ridiculous, silly, or incredible.
Origin: By the look and sound of it, cockamamie (also spelled "cockamamy") could have something to do with a rooster and the outrageous sound it makes. But in fact, cockamamie is believed to be an altered form of the term decalcomania, which refers to the process, invented in the mid-19th century, of transferring pictures and designs from specially prepared paper to surfaces such as glass or porcelain. (The word referring to the picture or design itself, decal, is a shortening of decalcomania.) The word decalcomania comes from French, with décalcomanie combining the verb décalquer, meaning "to trace" or "to transfer by tracing," and -manie, meaning "-mania." Starting in the 1930s, painted strips of paper with images capable of being transferred to the skin were called decals or—in children's slang—cockamamies. Those familiar with today's temporary tattoos will understand quickly that these were regarded by many as silly novelties, lending the word cockamamie the necessary leeway for application to anything ridiculous.
Example: "... [Andy] Reid will invent strange new football ideas unlike anything that has been seen before—or at least not in the past few decades — and run them in the biggest moments of a season. And while his trick plays may appear like cockamamie inventions of a football mad scientist, they often take advantage of the unique strengths and talents of his superstar players. They are gimmicks and yet functional." — Rodger Sherman, TheRinger.com, 8 Feb. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Cadastre

Record of ownership and value of property.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Cast iron stomach

Meaning: You use the phrase "Cast iron stomach" to describe someone who can eat all kinds of things without ever feeling sick. A person with a cast iron stomach, supposedly never experiences stomach aches.
Origin: This phrase 'Cast iron stomach' became known around the early 1900s. Cast iron is a type of metal that is regularly used in cooking.
Example: "It's too spicy for me, but John will love it: He has a cast iron stomach!"

QUOTE BOX

The mind is like the stomach. It is not how much you put into it that counts, but how much it digests. **—Albert J. Nock**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer: Heartbreak.

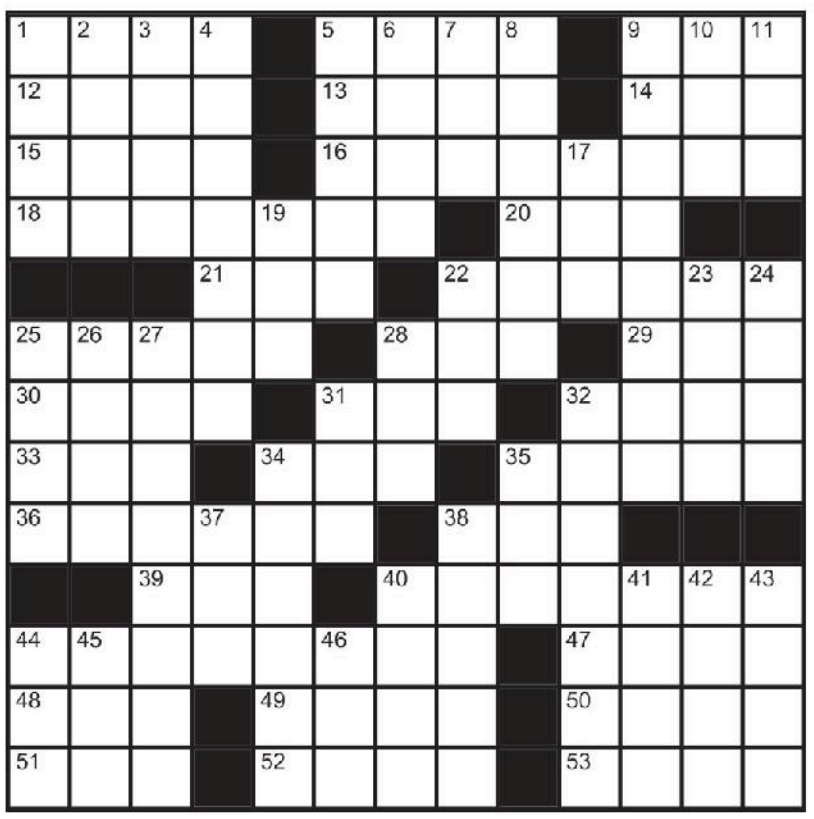
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Greek counterpart of Jupiter
5 Bird resembling an ostrich found in South America
9 Is able
12 Border
13 Long fish
14 Hand-woven Scandinavian rug - "ray" anagram?
15 Breathing sound
16 Young bird?
18 Deleted or skipped
20 Thigh or pig's meat from the thigh
21 In what way
22 Rao or Arora of Bollywood
25 Bathroom fixture
28 Diameter, in short?
29 Crazy person
30 Difficult
31 Soft hair of some animals
32 Billionth as a prefix
33 Grow old
34 Self-esteem
35 Ex- President APJ Abdul ____
36 Throws into the air
38 Tear or split open
39 Some Assembly Required
40 Remote settlement
44 Master copy
47 Welsh boy's name
48 Sped; took a single
49 Move a little to get comfort
50 Zola title
51 Purse or a satchel
52 "Retired" in short ?
53 Looking dejected

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	A	F	S	■	A	V	E	■	I	L	I	A
T	U	R	N	C	O	A	T	■	M	E	N	U
T	R	E	E	■	C	L	A	S	P	I	N	G
O	A	T	E	N	■	U	T	A	H	■	■	■
■	■	■	R	A	G	E	■	D	A	Z	E	D
■	R	A	S	P	Y	■	D	■	L	E	S	S
G	E	M	■	E	R	R	E	D	■	A	T	M
A	M	I	D	■	O	■	B	E	L	L	E	■
T	O	R	I	I	■	S	T	A	Y	■	■	■
■	■	■	G	R	E	W	■	D	R	U	N	K
C	H	E	S	S	M	E	N	■	I	N	O	N
P	E	R	U	■	M	E	D	I	C	I	N	E
A	T	A	P	■	A	P	A	■	S	T	E	W

DOWN
1 Nothing
2 Type of mild Dutch cheese
3 A crossbred citrus fruit
4 Surged or foamed as if boiling; got angered?
5 Make active again
6 Pay attention
7 Electronic Library Sys.
8 Respiratory disorder
9 Lawbreaker
10 Novelist Rand
11 Complain incessantly?
17 Household god
19 Small drink
22 Tune
23 "Aunt" disturbed by fish?
24 Tiny particle
25 Ex-India left-arm spinner Raghuram ___
26 "Othello" villain
27 Putting on clothes
28 Pair
31 Flight Guidance Sys.
32 Taking a light sleep
34 Spookier
35 Equipment
37 Hang down unevenly or loosely
38 Was in power
40 Drying kiln
41 Egg shaped
42 Playback singer ___ Nigam
43 Street-car
44 Eye; sphere or globe
45 Regional Airline Assoc.
46 Denial in Scotland?



SUDOKU

			6		3			
5								1
	3	9	8		1	5	7	
		5				7		
1	8						2	3
		2				1		
	5	7	9		2	3	1	
8								4
			5		8			

Answer to previous puzzle

7	4	5	3	8	9	1	2	6
2	3	8	7	1	6	4	5	9
6	1	9	2	5	4	3	8	7
3	9	2	5	7	8	6	4	1
5	6	1	9	4	3	2	7	8
4	8	7	6	2	1	5	9	3
8	7	4	1	3	5	9	6	2
1	2	6	4	9	7	8	3	5
9	5	3	8	6	2	7	1	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LWEEYLL VL XRA ADY CYLWOA RU LBRXAJXYRWL

ERZNWLAVRX. QRW ZWLA LYA QRWCLYOU RX UVCY.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You can't rest on your laurels. Your own body of work is yet to come.

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- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
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  Tagarupalya (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Garadi (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.10 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm; (S-2) 10.05 pm
	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Ghost (K)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Jigarthanda Double X (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 6.50 pm
Raid (Ta)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Japan (Ta)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Bandra (Ma)	(S-3)	10.00 pm
The Marvels (E-3D)	(S-4)	8.30 am, 10.45 am, 1.05 pm
		3.25 pm, 5.40 pm
		7.55 pm, 10.15 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Tagarupalya (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.45 pm, 7.00 pm
Naa Kolikke Ranga (K)	:	11.00 am
The Marvels (E)	:	11.15 am, 1.30 pm, 4.05 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Japan (Ta)	:	1.05 pm, 4.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Ala Ninnu Cheri (Te)	:	1.30 pm
Ghost (K)	:	4.30 pm
Jigarthanda Double X (Ta)	:	6.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Leo (Ta)	:	9.30 pm

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Jigarthanda Double X (Ta)	:	8.10 am, 11.45 am, 3.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Garadi (K)	:	8.30 am, 12.05 pm, 3.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Japan (Ta)	:	9.00 am, 12.15 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
The Marvels (E)	:	10.00 am, 12.30 pm, 3.00 pm
		5.30 pm, 8.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	11.15 am, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Taylor Swift: Eras Tour (E)	:	12 noon, 3.30 pm, 7.00 pm
Bandra (Ma)	:	3.30 pm, 10.00 pm

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Japan (Ta)	:	8.10 am, 11.55 am, 3.00 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Jigarthanda Double X (Ta)	:	8.20 am, 11.25 am, 3.10 pm
		6.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Garadi (K)	:	11.25 am, 6.10 pm, 9.45 pm
The Marvels (E-3D)	:	11.30 am, 2.00 pm
		4.30 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.30 pm
Vela (Ma)	:	3.00 pm

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 12)

- **Jumbo Circus:** Three shows, Horse Park grounds, behind Mysuru Zoo, **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Monthly meeting, N. Anil Kumar, Police Sub-Inspector and Shivakumar, Head Constable from Cyber, Economic and Narcotics Crime Police Station, will be participating in the meeting to discuss ways of avoiding cyber crime, D.T. Venkatesh, Assistant General Manager (Retd), State Bank of India, Financial Centre, Mysuru, an expert on Cyber Crime, will also join in the discussion, MGP Office, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.** [Ph:0821-2515150]
- **Dr. Rajkumar Kala Seva Trust:** Hamsageethe, a musical evening of songs composed by Sandalwood Music Director Hamsalekha in aid of poor and sick artistes, Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple graces the occasion, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presides, litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar inaugurates, MLC A.H. Vishwanath, former MLA S. Balaraj, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Cardiologist Dr. Santosh and Kannada & Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan chief guests, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Kaniveya Haadu' by Natana, directed by Dr. Sripada Bhat, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Vennicina Vyapara,' directed by Amith J. Reddy, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 13)

- **Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI):** Centenary year celebrations, Medical Exhibition, Library Hall building, ground floor of MMC&RI, Irwin Road, **10 am to 5 pm.** [Entry is free]
- **Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Sri Muttuswamy Dikshitar's Day, tributes to Dikshitar - rendition of Dikshitar's compositions by musicians and music students, **9.30 am;** Muttuswamy Dikshitar's 'Panchalinga Krutiguccha' - a feature by Vidushi Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and her disciples, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **12.30 pm.**
- **Sri Veerabhadreshwaraswamy and Sri Chamarajeshwaraswamy Temple Trust:** Karthika Masa Special Puja Mahotsava, Abhishekas, Mahamangalarati, Theertha Prasada, **7 am;** Prakarada Utsava, Mahamangalarati, Mahaprasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, D. Banumaiah's Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

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Garadi (K)	(S-1)	12.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-3)	7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
The Marvels (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	5.30 pm, 8.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Tiger 3 (H)	(S-2)	12 noon, 3.20 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-3)	9.20 am, 12.40 pm, 4.20 pm
Japan (Ta)	(S-1)	7.05 pm; (S-4) 10.40 am
Jigarthanda Double X (Ta)	(S-1)	3.30 pm; (S-4) 1.55 pm

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Garadi (K)	:	9.30 am, 3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Japan (Ta)	:	10.00 am, 12.35 pm, 6.55 pm
		10.20 pm
The Marvels (E-3D)	:	10.00 am, 12.30 pm, 3.00 pm
		5.30 pm, 8.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Jigarthanda Double X (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 1.50 pm, 5.25 pm,
		6.45 pm, 9.00 pm
Naa Kolikke Ranga (K)	:	1.15 pm
Vasanthakalada Hoogalu (K)	:	4.05 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Aadhaar Seva Kendras closed

Mysuru, Nov. 12- The Aadhaar Seva Kendra at Vijayanagar will remain closed tomorrow (Nov. 13) and Saraswathipuram will remain closed today (Nov. 12) on the occasion of Deepavali, according to a press release from Aadhaar Seva Kendra Centre Manager Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (retd).

Mysuru Zoo Open on Tuesday

Mysuru, Nov. 12- Mysuru Zoo and Karanji Lake Nature Park will be kept open for public on Tuesday (Nov. 14) on account of Deepavali Festival. Visitors are requested to enter the Zoo through the underpass for smooth entry and specially-abled visitors can use the Zoo staff gate next to the main entrance gate, according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

Old Age home admission

Mysuru, Nov. 12- The Master S.S. Manoj Physically Disabled and Old Age Home, Janata Colony, Yelwal, run by S.S. Manoj Sevashrama Trust, has appealed the shelterless, aged and physically disabled persons to join the Old Age Home. The admission is free to all the eligible aged and handicapped persons, according to a press release. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2402706 or Mob: 95917-23706.

Ph.D awardee of Mysore Varsity

Mysuru, Nov. 12- **T.P. Punarvasu** has been awarded Ph.D in

Biochemistry by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Studies on Anticancer Effects of Hydrocolloid Based Self-Assembled Microparticles' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K.V. Harish Prashanth.

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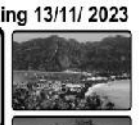

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